

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Valentino MERCATI

Conf. 7193

Application No. 10/564,100

Group 1791

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Examiner Michael Felton

PROCESS FOR OBTAINING TOBACCO LEAVES WITH A STANDARDIZED
NICOTINE CONTENT AND/OR IMPROVED COMBUSTIBILITY

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 6, 2009

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of June 19, 2009,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing
of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.